



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 6/10/2019 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit **Arrival:** 10:35 AM **Departure:** 12:30 PM

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
06/10/2019	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
12/12/2018	Licensing Study	Good Standing
09/26/2018	Complaint Closure	Good Standing

Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	Room A - 1L (Infants)	Infants	1	2	C	9	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	Room B - 2L (1 & 2 year olds)	One Year Olds	1	2	C	12	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	Room C - 3L (Pre-K)	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	12	C	23	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Room D - 2R (3 year olds)	Two Year Olds	1	4	C	18	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Room E - 1L (Pre-K)		0	0	C	28	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 20			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 90			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A (Pre-K)	27	C
Main	Playground B	24	C

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a monitoring visit.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@dec.state.ga.us.

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/>
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us

Sherrie Wright, Program Official

Date

LaToyia Summers, Consultant

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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities. The center does have a pool on site.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/14/2018

Corrected on 6/10/2019

Correction of citation in that no hazards were observed in the classrooms on this date.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Comment

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/12/2018

Corrected on 6/10/2019

Correction of citation in that all bottles in Room A were observed to be labeled.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed on this date.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)

Met

Comment

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2018

Corrected on 6/10/2019

Correction of citation in that consultant observed documentation of lockdown drill conducted on December 13, 2018, and a tornado drill conducted on January 30, 2019.

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

Comment

A current and completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date. Annual inspection was completed on January 5, 2019.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 01/13/2014

Records Reviewed: 11

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0

Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 04/10/2019	
Staff # 3	Met
Date of Hire: 04/08/2019	
Staff # 4	Met
Date of Hire: 10/23/2017	
Staff # 5	Met
Date of Hire: 12/01/2017	
Staff # 6	Met
Date of Hire: 06/19/2006	
Staff # 7	Met
Date of Hire: 12/04/2018	
Staff # 8	Met
Date of Hire: 10/17/2018	
Staff # 9	Met
Date of Hire: 10/19/2016	
Staff # 10	Met
Date of Hire: 01/01/2018	
Staff # 11	Met
Date of Hire: 03/18/2019	

Staff Credentials Reviewed: 11

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR) **Met**

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be comprehensive satisfactory for all staff members.

Comment

Director provided 3 files for employees hired since last visit on December 12, 2018.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training **Met**

Correction Deadline: 1/11/2019

Corrected on 6/10/2019

Correction of citation in that the staff member is no longer employed with the provider.

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR) **Met**

Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.